

# THE CALL TO ARMS

Patriotic Song



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Moderato

PIANO

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked Moderato. It begins with a series of chords in the right hand, mostly triads and dyads, moving in a descending sequence. The left hand provides a steady bass line with octaves and chords. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The introduction concludes with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking.

*f*

1. 'Twas in his - tor - ic A - pril in nine-teen sev - en - teen, That Wil - son's voice re - ech - oed thru the  
2. Then Sammie left his mother his wife and sweetheart dear, To fight be - side the Tommies "o - ver  
3. So by the man - y thousands they are sail - ing o'er the sea, Thru dangers great to fight old Ger - ma -

The first system of the song features a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

*cresc.*

land, A - wake! A - wake! A - mer - i - cal give up your loy - al sons Ten  
there," But be - fore he sailed a - way he pressed her to his heart, And  
ny; Full of pep and Yan - kee grit be - neath the stars and stripes, They'll

*cresc.*

The second system continues the song. The vocal line has a *cresc.* (crescendo) marking. The piano accompaniment also has a *cresc.* marking. The lyrics continue below the vocal line.

mil - lion strong, a great u - ni - ted band. 'O - ver there,' we must go, 'Cross the  
kissed a - way the tears of blank des - pair. 'O - ver there,' O my dear, We must  
make this old world safe for you and me. 'O - ver there,' they have gone, And our

The third system concludes the song. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The lyrics end with "And our".

sea to fight the foe Of Free-dom and a safe De-moc-ra - cy, We'll  
go but nev-er fear, The God of Na-tions is at our right hand, We  
hearts, tho all for-lorn, Still glo-ry in their cour-age, deep and true, We

*cresc. rit.*  
We must join the bat-tle for the right a-gainst the wrong, We must de-feat Prussian Au-toc-ra - cy. "O-ver  
res-cue France and Belgium and the world from cru-el hate, And then come back to home and na-tive land. "O-ver  
know they'll nev-er fal-ter and will win the vic-to-ry For God is with the red, the white and blue. "O-ver

*rit. cresc. dim.*

## REFRAIN

*animato*  
there, o-ver there" in the trenches and the glare Of the ri-fle fire and shells and roaring guns! They'll  
*animato*

*rit. dim. rit. dim.*  
give them all for Lib-er-ty, for Jus-tice and the Right! They've gone a-cross and they'll de-feat the Huns!

